

Senate Resolution 484

By: Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Hooks of the 14th, Grant of the 25th, Harp of the 29th, Thompson of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2009, as Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites Day at the state
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) of the
4 Georgia Department of Natural Resources was founded in 1931 and has provided residents
5 and visitors with 78 years of recreational use of public lands, environmental education,
6 management and conservation of natural resources, and preservation of historic sites; and

7 WHEREAS, the division provides outdoor recreation and education for people of all ages
8 and abilities and promotes involvement in nature to establish life-long physical, mental, and
9 community benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, the division's environmental stewardship of 85,647 acres of public land
11 represents sound land management practices that ensures Georgia parks and historic sites will
12 continue to provide greenspace, clean air and water, land conservation, wildlife habitats,
13 beauty, and recreational opportunities for future generations; and

14 WHEREAS, the priorities of PRHSD to enhance economic vitality, to promote health,
15 fitness, and livability of all communities, and to conserve and properly use natural resources
16 provide a pathway to successfully resist the rapid urbanization, loss of greenspace, declining
17 health, and diminished conservation ethic in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, the division fosters and encourages an interest in health awareness, fitness, and
19 the outdoors that has the potential to make Georgia a leader in nature tourism for visitors to
20 enjoy activities such as camping, hiking, biking, fishing, boating, birding, golfing, and
21 historic site seeing; and

22 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the significant contributions made by the
23 division to the welfare of this state be recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the significant contributions made by the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic
26 Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and recognize March 12,
27 2009, as Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites Day at the state capitol.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the State Parks, Recreation, and Historic
30 Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.